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Local pharmacies tied to drug fraud charges

Ten individuals are facing multiple felony charges as a result of the investigation.

Five pharmacies in the City of Westland and two located in Canton Township are among 26 implicated in a \$46 million criminal scheme to submit insurance claims for medications that were not prescribed.

Ten individuals are facing multiple felony charges as a result of the investigation which authorities claim began in July of 2014.

Court records charge that the 10 defendants conspired to defraud co-pay programs by submitting claims for fraudulent prescriptions from January 2014 through November of this year. They submitted requests for reimbursements from pharmaceutical manufacturers for medications that were not prescribed by physicians or dispensed at the involved pharmacies, according to court records.

Facing charges are: Hussein

Abdallah, Mohamad Abou-Khodr, Daniel Haidar, Nabil Chehadeh, Ali El-Moussawi, Bassem Farhat, Hussein Wazne, Bahia Zeidan, Linda Fawaz and Suzan Berro. The pharmacies involved in the charges are located in 15 different municipalities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In addition to Westland and Canton, facilities in Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, Novi, Waterford Township, Taylor, Livonia, Dearborn Heights, Lincoln Park, Garden City, Southgate, Wyandotte, Redford Township and New Boston are named in the criminal complaint. A phar-

macy in Lansing was also involved, officials said.

Abdallah, Abou-Khodr, Haidar and Chehadah would often hide their ownership interest in the pharmacies and would name Zeidan and Fawaz as nominee owners, according to authorities. Farhat would help prepare documents needed to open the pharmacies, and as none of those involved is a licensed pharmacist, those involved would pay a licensed Michigan pharmacist to serve as the pharmacist in charge of the new businesses, officials claimed in the court documents. When third-party administrators

got suspicious of the pharmacies and requested supporting documentation or on-site audits, the people involved in the scheme would either fail to respond to the requests or refuse to submit to an audit, officials said.

Wayne County pharmacies accused of involvement in the scheme include: Michigan RX Pharmacy – 44237 Michigan Ave. in Canton Township; Canton RX – 145 North Haggerty Road in Canton Township; Smart TX Pharmacy -- 25464 Van Born Road in Dearborn Heights; Clinic RX2, later Med Rite Pharmacy -- 23850 Van Born Road in Dearborn Heights; Pro Med Pharmacy, later Guardian Pharmacy – 29866 Ford Road in Garden City; Wellmart Pharmacy, later Brite Well RX – 28542 Ford Road in Garden City;

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Special premiere Ice Festival to open with sensory awareness event

The Miracle League of Plymouth and the Plymouth District Library have joined forces to offer a special sensory friendly evening at the Plymouth Ice Festival for special needs families.

The evening will offer an early look at the 2020 Ice Festival events from 6-8 p.m. Jan 9 at the library. Called “A Sensory Friendly Plymouth Ice Festival Evening” the event will feature live ice carving the entrance to the library, sensory friendly entertainment inside the library and interactive sensory ice blocks.

“The event is designed to give special needs families the opportunity to experience one of Plymouth's best weekend during the winter season that they otherwise may not be able to attend,” said Miracle League Executive Director Kelly Hermann.

During the evening, light snacks will be service and a children's craft will also be included. The fire department will be on hand demonstrating gear and volunteers will also be providing short tours of the main Ice Festival display in Kellogg Park. The tour will depend on the weather, noted organizers.

This year the Plymouth Ice Festival is



set for Jan 10 through 12. The official opening ceremony and ribbon cutting will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 with Plymouth City Commission members, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise and State Rep. Jeff Noble on hand to help cut the ice ribbon and begin the festivities.

Ice Festival Chairman James Gietzen said that this year there will be an amazing number of unique ice sculptures this year and all the crowd-favorite activities will return, including the Veteran's Party Tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant on both

Friday and Saturday along with the famous Dueling Chainsaws competition set for 7 p.m. Jan. 11 on the main stage in the park.

“This preview evening is a great idea and something we're excited about,” Geitzen said.

There is no cost for the Thursday evening at the event which is open to all special needs families in the area. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information about the event, contact Hermann at (248) 817-8836.

\$776 million upgrade set at Michigan Assembly plant

The Michigan Assembly plant in Wayne will see \$766.5 million in renovations and retooling for the production of the resurrected Ford Bronco sport utility vehicle, according to a formal announcement from the Michigan Strategic Fund which awarded Ford Motor Co. \$35.3 million in new tax incentives last week.

The automaker plans a combined \$1.5 billion in capital investment at the Wayne and Dearborn assembly plants. Ford employs 2,745 workers at Michigan Assembly and 6,203 at the Dearborn Truck Plant. Ford also received 15 years of exemptions on the State Essential Services Assessment for up to \$408.5 million of qualified personal property at the Michigan Assembly Plant and the Dearborn Truck Plant - the two plants the automaker plans

to renovate and retool for new vehicle products, according to a memo from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

To qualify for the incentives, Ford will have to create 2,700 jobs that pay at least \$61,047 annually at Michigan Assembly and 300 jobs at the Dearborn plant, where workers assemble F-150 pickups.

Currently, Michigan Assembly workers build the new Ranger midsize pickup, with metal-stamped and injection-molded parts. Ford is also planning to establish a Ranger/Bronco modification center at Michigan Assembly in 2020 to add extra features to the trucks and SUVs, according to industry reports.

“In addition, the company is considering the City of Wayne as the location of an Autonomous Vehicle (“AV”) production center,” Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) officials wrote in a memo to the Michigan Strategic Fund board members. “This facility will take new commer-

cial grade hybrid models and incorporate the self-driving technology needed to turn them into autonomous vehicles.”

The autonomous vehicle production center would be a first-of-its-kind facility for Ford and work in conjunction with driverless vehicle research and development at its headquarters in Dearborn and its developing mobility campus in Corktown, according to the MEDC.

Ford is in the midst of a multi-year \$740 million project to build an autonomous and electric vehicle development campus in Corktown that would be anchored by the 106-year-old Michigan Central Station.

The potential autonomous vehicle facility in Wayne is not directly tied to the new tax incentives and the Corktown campus, but MEDC officials sought to link them together.

Ford has agreed to give up \$12 million in previously approved incentives for expansions at its Romeo Engine and Flat Rock Assembly plants that did not happen as planned.



Michigan Assembly plant in Wayne

NORTHVILLE

Northville Township names new managers



Marina Neumaier

Todd Mutchler has been named Northville Township Manager effective Dec. 14. He will succeed Debbie Wilhelm who served in an interim capacity following the retirement of long-time Township Manager Chip Snyder in October. Mutchler joined the Charter Township of Northville in May of 2016 and has served as both deputy director of police services and director of public safety. An official statement from the township noted that Mutchler, “brings extensive experience and will add the necessary leadership to cohesively manage the changes currently happening in the organization and the community.”

Mutchler has more than 30

years of municipal experience and has a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Technology. Mutchler has served the Northville Township Public Safety Department at all leadership levels and has a breadth of perspective and experience, the statement noted. Mutchler has named Marina Neumaier, the current township finance manager, as the new assistant township manager to close out the last of the succession planning for 2019. Neumaier is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 30 years of combined private and public municipal finance experience. She joined Northville Township in December 2012 and prior to her

work at the township, she served as the assistant finance director for the City of Novi where she was responsible for safeguarding the fiscal integrity of the city through the development and implementation of sound financial policies and practices, according to the township statement. “Together, they have a broad understanding of the current culture of the organization. They will work together to continue to lead Northville Township into the future by building and maintaining strong relationships with the community and continuing to foster the values and principles of the Charter Township of Northville,” the statement from the township concluded.



Todd Mutchler

Teens charged with car theft, vehicle break-ins

A pair of 17-year-olds from Detroit have been charged with vehicle theft and larceny from parked cars in Northville Township. As part of an increased holiday shopping patrol effort, a Northville Township officer was driving through the parking lot at the Meijer store at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road at about 5:45 p.m. Dec. 7 when he was approached by a shopper who claimed that their car had been broken into and items stolen while they had been in the store. The officer discovered that several other vehicles had also been broken into in the lot and items such as cell phones, laptop computers and other valuables had been stolen. Another victim reported that that two men had stolen an unlocked car with the

keys inside from the parking lot and had fled the scene. The officer notified the loss prevention team at the store and the officer and Meijer employees reviewed surveillance video tapes and were able to identify the suspects leaving the parking lot in the stolen car. Meijer loss prevention officers notified other Meijer stores in the area and later in the week, the pair was seen in the Meijer store in Livonia where one of the loss prevention officers recognized the teens entering the building, explained Northville Township Detective Bureau Supervisor Sgt. Doug Scoggins. Livonia police were notified and arrested the pair at the scene. Northville officers picked the pair up and transported them to the police station and detectives

submitted a warrant request to the office of the Wayne County prosecutor. Michael Tolbert and Vantae Pitts, each 17, and both from Detroit were arraigned Dec. 15 in the 34th district Court in Romulus and have been charged with felony offenses. Tolbert is charged with motor vehicle theft, receiving and concealing stolen property, larceny from auto and breaking and entering of a vehicle. Pitts is being charged with motor vehicle theft and receiving and concealing stolen property. Judge Michael Golematz ordered Tolbert held on a \$10,000 bond and Pitts on a \$5,000 bond. The pair will appear in 35th District Court Dec. 27 for a probable cause hearing on the charges. Police estimate the pair had



Michael Tolbert



Vantae Pitts

taken \$1,700 worth of goods from cars in addition to taking the unlocked vehicle which was recovered by police and returned to the owner. The Northville Township Police Department Lock it or Lose it initiative, a program to

help deter thefts from vehicles and homes, is currently under way. For more information about the program, contact Northville Township Police Chief Paul Tennes, at (248) 662-0455 or visit twp.northville.mi.us.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Plymouth murder-suicide investigation continues

Plymouth Township police continue to investigate an apparent murder-suicide which occurred Dec. 17.

Evidence at the scene in the 14000 block of C Drive in the township indicate that 46-year-old James Salamay shot and killed his estranged wife, Christina, 37, before turning the weapon on himself.

According to police reports of the incident, officers responded to a call reporting shots being fired at about 6:45 a.m. last Tuesday. Officers found the deceased woman in the driver's seat of a parked but running minivan in front of the home. Salamay was found dead inside the Plymouth Hills manufactured home, police said. Both

had apparently died of gunshot wounds to the head.

Salamay had been appointed to the Plymouth Township Historic District Commission last summer and he was also reportedly active with Plymouth MI Discoveries.com and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

“We are shocked and saddened to learn of the events that occurred on the morning of Dec. 17. Jim was a well-respected historian who volunteered his time to educate people about the history of Plymouth. Our thoughts are with the family at this time,” said Chairperson Wendy Harless of the Plymouth Preservation Network and Plymouth Township Historic District Commission. Member Jack

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It's inconceivable and unbelievable something like this would ever happen with Jim.

Dempsey was one who suggested Salamay be contacted to see if he was interested in participating in the township commission.”It's inconceivable and unbelievable something like this would ever happen with Jim.” Dempsey exclaimed.

Investigators suspect that the shooting may have been motivated by a custody battle over the couple's three children, 17, 13 and 12. The pair was in the process of divorce.A GoFundMe

campaign has been set-up to raise money for a funeral and the orphaned children.

“This morning my family suffered a devastating loss in a murder suicide,” GoFundMe organizer Annette McCauley wrote. “My cousin was shot and killed by her estranged husband. Please keep the kids and our family in your prayers.” The GoFundMe campaign had raised about \$11,000 as of Thursday afternoon for Christina Salamay's funeral

expenses and her children's care.

McCauley said the Salamays were married for about 20 years and that Christina Salamay and her children moved into a relative's home because of “something that recently came to light” about three weeks ago. She said that Christina Salamay returned to the home Tuesday morning because her estranged husband had said he had money for their children.

“This is quite a shock,” Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said.

“He came very highly recommended to us. He certainly had the background and the interest. Our prayers go out to his children.”

Canton prohibits smoking at all parks, recreation facilities

Visitors to any Canton Township park or Leisure Services property will have to 'butt out' starting with the New Year.

Canton trustees approved a ban on smoking in all Canton parks and on Leisure Services facility properties in November with the adoption of revisions to the Canton Parks and Recreation Ordinance which now prohibit smoking of tobacco and other substances, as well as the use of vaping products on Leisure Services properties and parks, with the exception of designated

smoking areas for adults at the two township golf courses.

The new restrictions become effective Jan. 1, 2020.

“These amendments to the Canton Parks Ordinance are being put into effect in an effort to support public health and ensure more enjoyable experiences for all visitors to Canton's parks,” stated Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger. “Canton Township continues to respond to our residents' needs by taking positive steps to keep health and wellness a top community priority.”

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These amendments to the Canton Parks Ordinance are being put into effect in an effort to support public health.

Under the ordinance, smoking is defined as the use of tobacco, marijuana, or any other of its derivatives, or the use of vapor products or nicotine alternatives.

Canton Parks affected by this smoking ban include: Barchester Park, Freedom Park, Flodin Park, Griffin Park, Heritage Park,

Independence Park, Kopper Park, Patriot Park, Preservation Park, Victory Park, as well as the Canton Dog Park. Canton Leisure Services facility properties also covered under the ordinance include: the Summit on the Park; The Village Theater at Cherry Hill; The B.L.O.C.K.

Youth & Teen Center, and the Canton Sports Center.

As of January 2020, more than 1300 parks systems are smoke-free across the nation, including the Michigan municipalities of Ann Arbor, Bad Axe, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Dearborn, Dexter, Escanaba, Howell, Huntington Woods, Lansing Township, Port Huron, Superior Township, Traverse City and Wells Township.

For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or contact the Canton Park Office at (734) 394-5310.

Accused arsonist arrested, charged in Canton house fire

A Waterford man is facing felony charges in connection with a house fire that took place in Canton Township in February.

Jason Michael Wilkinson, 38, was arraigned Dec. 10 in 35th District Court on two charges

related to a residential structure fire that occurred on Crestmont Drive.

Wilkinson is facing charges of second degree arson, a 20-year felony, and arson-preparation to burn a dwelling, a 10-year felony

along with charges as a habitual offender fourth offense.

His bond was set at \$500,000, or 10 percent, by Chief Judge Michael J. Gerou. Wilkinson returned to court for a hearing Dec. 20.

Canton Township police and fire department officials conducted a lengthy investigation into the suspicious fire, resulting in the felony charges being filed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office against

Wilkinson who had been contracted to perform work on the residence. The homeowners were not home at the time of the fire, but suffered significant loss of property and damage inside the residence, officials noted.

Fraud

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Downriver RX Pharmacy, later First Aid Pharmacy – 2017 Fort Street in Lincoln Park; Smart Pharmacy – 8966 Middle Belt Road in Livonia; Levan RX, later Nova Pharmacy – 15140 Levan Road, suite 40 in Livonia; New Boston RX Pharmacy -- 19162 Huron River Dr. in New Boston; Halas Pharmacy – 25735 West Eight Mile Road in Redford Township; Family Drug Pharmacy V, Inc. – 25241 Grand River Ave. in Redford Township; Family Health Pharmacy -- 15450 Northline Road in Southgate; Safe Pharmacy -- 26110 Eureka Road in Taylor; Med Health Pharmacy – 8024 North Middle Belt Road in Westland; Pharm Advisors, doing busi-

ness as Mint Pharmacy -- 2074 Wayne Road in Westland; Wellgreens Pharmacy, later Danny's Pharmacy -- 1629 South Merriman Road in Westland; Ritemed Pharmacy -- 35119 Warren Road in Westland; Newburgh Pharmacy -- 8653 Newburgh Road in Westland; Wayne Pharma – 974 Ford Avenue in Wyandotte; Wyandotte RX, also known as Royalty RX -- 966 Ford Avenue in Wyandotte.

The six other pharmacies named in the court documents are in Novi, Waterford Township, Clinton Township and Sterling Heights.

The defendants face money laundering, wire fraud and mail fraud charges and if convicted will be ordered to forfeit all property including luxury vehicles and several homes in Dearborn Heights listed in the court filings in addition to prison sentences.

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2004 VOLKSWAGEN
WVWVD63B54E273339
2004 FORD
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on January 16, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan to consider an application received from Zhongding Sealing Parts (USA) Inc. (the "Company") to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate # 2018-154 to extend it for one additional year. If approved, the end date of Certificate #2018-154, as amended, will be December 30, 2025. The subject property is located at 48600 Five Mile Road.

Any owner, resident, taxpayer or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said public hearings and give testimony. The Board of Trustees will also vote on whether to approve the company's request for an amended Certificate subsequent to this Public Hearing concerning the Certificate, pursuant to and in accordance with 1974 P.A. 198 MCL Section 207.551, et seq.

The location of said premises that constitute Industrial Development District #13 is described as:

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A copy of the request for the Amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Van Buren Township files suit against Visteon

Van Buren Township has filed a lawsuit against Visteon claiming the company has failed to honor an agreement regarding \$28 million in bonds the township issued to help fund the automotive supplier world headquarters. Again.

The township claims that Visteon agreed to cover any shortfall in tax revenue as payments are due on the bonds issued by the township in 2003. Visteon denies any such agreement and asserts that the company does not owe the township any money.

The township first filed suit against Visteon in 2015 noting the anticipated shortfall. That suit was dismissed by the court which said the township could not sue claiming a shortfall that had not yet occurred. Both the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court agreed with that decision.

Now, the shortfall has taken place, according to township officials who claim that the revenue shortfall of \$618,736 was experienced on Oct. 1. Attorney Kaveh Kashef of Butzel Long notified Visteon of the situation at that time and requested payment to the township for the shortfall.

Visteon responded through their corporate attorney stating that the claim was rejected and that no money was due the township from the company.

“We tried to responsibly manage financial responsibilities by

bringing this shortfall to Visteon's attention when we had certainty of the shortfall amount and the date of its occurrence,” stated township Supervisor Kevin McNamara in a written statement.

“For years, the township told Visteon the shortfall would occur in October 2019. For years, Visteon has been telling the township and the courts that the township's projections are hypothetical or speculative. Well, it's

turned out exactly as we projected, and Visteon is still stonewalling us,” McNamara continued.

In the Oct. 8 letter rejecting the demand for payment from the township, J. Benjamin Dolan, an attorney with Dickenson Wright, wrote, “under the language of the agreement, there is simply no money due from Visteon to the township.”

Dolan also said that the township has, “at times acknowl-

edged the weakness of its interpretation of the agreement” and said that the calculation by the township did not comply with the agreement.

Van Buren Township is asking the Wayne County Circuit Court to order Visteon to pay the current shortfall in tax revenue and all other future shortfalls along with attorney fees and court costs. McNamara said the total shortfalls could amount to as much as \$28 million.

Kashef said that the shortfalls would now continue to occur every six months.

“Every dollar that the township has to pay is a dollar that could be used to pay other liabilities such as pension liabilities or to pay for services,” he said.

Romulus mayor working to promote new city development

As officials in the City of Romulus look forward to another year, they find themselves in an enviable position: a lot of land to work from

The city, which was recognized by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) as the largest area of growth in Wayne County during the past two years, is looking at ways to bring development to the vacant land near Metro Airport to capitalize on the nearby freeways and other transportation hubs.

“We’ve got a canvass to paint,” said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff. “We want to make sure we bring in development that fits, because it's got to go through planning, through the city council and we want to make sure that process is smooth.”

He and his team have made

strides in bringing in development large and small, and with building bridges with existing businesses, he said. He and his staff go out on weekly meetings where they talk with business owners to get a sense of what they're worried about as well as to uncover any issues they may have so they can help solve them.

“It's important to have a relationship before there's a problem. It works to get out and talk to people-then they know who to call,” he said. “It's better to have the relationship up front, and then they're comfortable reach-

shops into the downtown area, notably the former Romulus Market, a small grocer that has been closed for years.

Burcroff, who will host his annual State of the City address next month, said he will touch on the many successes in the community over the past year. They all originated in the visioning sessions he opened up to residents following his election as mayor:

“We’ve been building a ton of momentum. We got people back to work,” he said. “Our number one objective that we heard from the residents was jobs, jobs, jobs. That's how we've been deliver-



Mayor Leroy Burcroff

ing. Jobs have been our focus and we're delivering on that.”

CITY OF ROMULUS
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for the removal and replacement of pedestrian/street lighting on the WEST side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the January 13, 2020 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, January 13, 2020 in order to reserve your right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 19-386

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE I, SECTION 38-10 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Chapter 38 Section 38-10 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38-10. - Explosives.

No person, except officers of the law, employees so authorized by the fire marshal or the approved law enforcement agency, shall carry any missile-propelling device of any description, fireworks or explosive substances within the parks without a written permit from the city council.

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 9th day of December 2019.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 9th day of December, 2019.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 19th day of December, 2019.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.
11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None.
Administrative Officials in Attendance: Leroy Burcroff, Mayor Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff: Steve Hitchcock, Attorney; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Robin R. Underwood, Deputy Clerk
Agenda
Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

1. Minutes
A. #19-376 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held December 2, 2019, as amended, to reflect the change under the Mayor's Report, 5D – Resolution B. #19-370, Introduction of Budget Amendment 19/20-11 to pay for final construction costs of Goddard Road. The correction should reflect under Fund/Dept. Account No. “**Major Roads**,” to replace Library Fund. **Motion Carried**
B. #19-377 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Study Session held on December 2, 2019. **Motion Carried**

2. Petitioner - None.
Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
#19-378 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and the Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve the Tentative Agreement for the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Romulus and International Association of Firefighters Local 4126, to be effective from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Res. #19-379 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve a Memorial Resolution for the family of Shirley Ann Greene. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

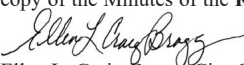
4. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
A video showcasing community events was presented.
A. Res. #19-380 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with Administration and authorize the Sole Source purchase and installation of a Polycom Video Conferencing System at a total cost of \$26,419.97 from J Ewing LLC. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
B. Res. #19-381 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700181 with Gorno Ford to purchase three (3) 2020 Ford Police Utility Interceptors including options and delivery for a total amount of \$106,095.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
C. Res. #19-382 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with Administration to extend the City's current Services Agreement with BSB Communications Inc. for the useful life of the hardware and software or until the agreement can no longer be budgeted for at a cost of \$6,220.00 annually with increases not to exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI). **Motion Carried Unanimously**
D. Res. #19-383 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Farmington Hills Contract #RFP-FH-18-2023 for the purchase and professional installation of Furniture at the new/y constructed 34th District Court in the amount of \$61,652.02 from the Office Supply Guys. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
E. Res. #19-384 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on NCPA Contract 07-16 for the purchase of Cubical Workstations and professional installation at the newly constructed 34th District Court in the amount of \$64,330.52. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
F. Res. #19-385 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and consent to Piggyback on the US General Services Administration (GSA) Contract GS-28F-0023W schedule 711-18 for the purchase of Multi-purpose seating and professional installation at the at the newly constructed 34th District Court in the amount of \$14,427.54 from KFI Furniture. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Madam Clerk Craig-Bragg announced the newly installed Cemetery Gates, “Ribbon Cutting Ceremony,” to be held on Saturday, December 14th at 11:15 a.m. All are encouraged to attend!
A. Res. #19-386 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38 Parks and Recreation, Article 1, Section 38-10, Firearms and Explosives. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
B. Res. #19-387 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-11 to pay for final construction costs of Goddard Road Streetscape. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer - None.
7. Public Comment - Three (3) residents addressed the City Council.
8. Unfinished Business – Councilman Wadsworth addressed Ordinance enforcement
9. New Business -None.
10. Warrant
Res. #19-388 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #19-23, Checks presented in the amount of \$1,493,383.78. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

11. Communication:
Councilpersons: Abdo, Talley, Williams, and Mayor Burcroff spoke during Communications.

12. Adjournment
Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Romulus City Council held on **December 9, 2019.**


Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Calendar of events

Wayne County Lightfest returns

The Wayne County Annual Lightfest has returned for the holiday season and will be open through Tuesday, Dec. 31. The 5-mile lightfest drive offers colorful displays and at the end, visitors can stop and visit Santa's Shelter for refreshments and photos.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

The fee to drive through the spectacular display is \$5 per vehicle.

Hockey lessons offered

Registration for the next Learn to Play Hockey sessions at the Plymouth Cultural Center is now under way. The classes, which are an introduction to hockey programs intended for players 4 to 9 years of age, will begin Jan. 4.

The program includes seven skating sessions and will continue through Feb. 23. The cost per student is \$85.

All sessions take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer, Plymouth.

Full equipment is required.

A limited number of gear sets are available to borrow from the Recreation Department for use during the program and can be reserved on-line when registering.

On-line registration is available at <https://plymouthwebtrac.net/wbwsc/plymouthwebtrac.wsc/splash.html>.

Walk-in registration will be taken at the City of Plymouth Recreation Department located in the Plymouth Cultural Center Recreation office.

For more information call (734) 455-6620 x 0.

Township hosts blood drive

Plymouth Township will host a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Jan. 8 in the board meeting room at township hall, 9955 N.Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community, noted Fire Chief Daniel Phillips who is coordinating the effort.

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime, he added

For more information, contact Phillips at (734) 354-3221

Suite Surrender on stage

Inspire Theater will be presenting Suite Surrender: a farce by Michael McKeever at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25, and at 3 p.m. Jan. 12, 19 and 26. Westland Center for the Arts is located at 33455 Warren Road.

The story takes place in 1942 and two of Hollywood's biggest divas have descended upon the luxurious Palm Beach Royale Hotel – assistants, luggage, and

legendary feud with one another in tow. Everything seems to be in order for their wartime performance until they are somehow assigned to the same suite. Mistaken identities, overblown egos, double entendres, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this love note to the classic farces of the 30s and 40s. The play is not suitable for all ages. For tickets and more information visit <https://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com>.

Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 8 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker for the meeting will be Cheryl English who will discuss the Autumn Jewels. Light snacks will be served.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Elks host Blues performance

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and dancing is encouraged.

The Kathleen Murray Band will perform Jan. 14. Joining Murray with vocals is Mike Ferencz on guitar; Craig Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums and Evan Mercer on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

Bowling fundraiser planned

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Romulus Library have planned a bowling fundraiser from beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Jan. 18 at Romulus Lanes, 37452 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$50 per couple which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a soft drink. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar.

Organizers said that the event is usually a sell out and urged early ticket purchase. The event is limited to the first 72 bowlers.

For tickets or information, call (734)893-0694.

Jazz performance scheduled

Jazz @ The Elks take place from 7 until 9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Pete Siers Organic Roots will

perform Tuesday, Jan. 28. Siers will be on drums, Duncan MacMillan on organ, Steve Wood on sax, and Matt LaRusso on guitar.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email

Daddy Daughter Dances planned in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host the 9th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Cultural Center Reception Room from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 and again Saturday, Feb. 1.

Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Semi-formal, dressy-casual attire recommended. Advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited. Sorry, no Walk-ins will be accepted.

The cost for the dance is \$12 and registration is now available online at www.plymouthmi.gov/recreation.

The Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-6620

Butterfly Ball returns to Canton

A Valentine's Day tradition returns to Canton Township Feb. 7 and 8 with the Butterfly Ball at the Summit on the Park. The event offers a unique experience and dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated- balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Choose from three dances: 6 p.m. Feb. 7 or 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 8. All three dances will again be held in the Summit gymnasium this year. Ticket sales will end Feb. 1.

Tickets are \$11 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Students host record show

The annual 88.1 record show will bring thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts, posters and other collectables to the Salem High School Cafeteria.

The record show is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 and proceeds will benefit the student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Admission to the record show is \$3. Collectors wanting an early start can purchase early admission between 9 and 10 a.m. for \$5. Students in the district high schools will be admitted free.

Interested dealers or those wanting more information can contact (734) 416-7732 or email bill.keith@pccsk12.com.



Celebrate Detroit Circus New Year's Eve performance planned

Canton Village Theater will celebrate New Year's Eve with a performance by the Detroit Circus.

Strolling entertainers, high-flying aerial performers, acrobats, and fire performers will create magic on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton beginning at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Performers include high-flying aerial acrobats on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing, stilt walking and feats of mind-bending strength. Adagio Acrobatic members will also amaze viewers with their challenging body balancing, yoga, and flexible maneuvers requiring two partners, who appear to push the limits of physics. Participants can enjoy a pre-show sparkling grape juice toast in the lobby,

with activities suitable for all ages. The pre-show reception will start at 6 p.m. Following the performance, there will also be an early kid-friendly countdown to 2020.

This is an animal-free circus.

Tickets for this event are \$22 per person and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300 x 2 or in person at the Village Theater Box Office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any unsold tickets will be available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI, 49187. For more information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

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